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X-MEN

BLUE



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THE ORIGINAL X-MEN--MARVEL GIRL, CYCLOPS, ICEMAN, ANGEL AND BEAST--WERE DISPLACED IN TIME AND BROUGHT TO OUR PRESENT. UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THEIR FORMER ARCHENEMY TURNED ALLY, MAGNETO, AND JOINED BY ALTERNATE-UNIVERSE REFUGEES BLOODSTORM AND JIMMY HUDSON, THEY WILL SHOW THE WORLD THAT THEY ARE THE HEROES THEY WERE ALWAYS MEANT TO BE.

PREVIOUSLY IN **X-MEN BLUE...**

ALTHOUGH THEIR MISSION OF HOPE AND MUTANT AID REMAINS THE SAME, THE ORIGINAL FIVE X-MEN'S ADVENTURES IN THE PRESENT HAVE LEFT THEM IRREVOCABLY CHANGED. IF THEY REMAIN IN THE PRESENT, THEIR ADULTHOODS ARE DESTINED TO BE WHOLLY DIFFERENT THAN THE ONES THEY WERE ATTEMPTING TO FIX...

**THE EVENTS OF THIS ISSUE TAKE PLACE BEFORE EXTERMINATION #1.*

SURVIVING THE EXPERIENCE

CONCLUSION

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MARVEL GIRL
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CYCLOPS
SCOTT SUMMERS



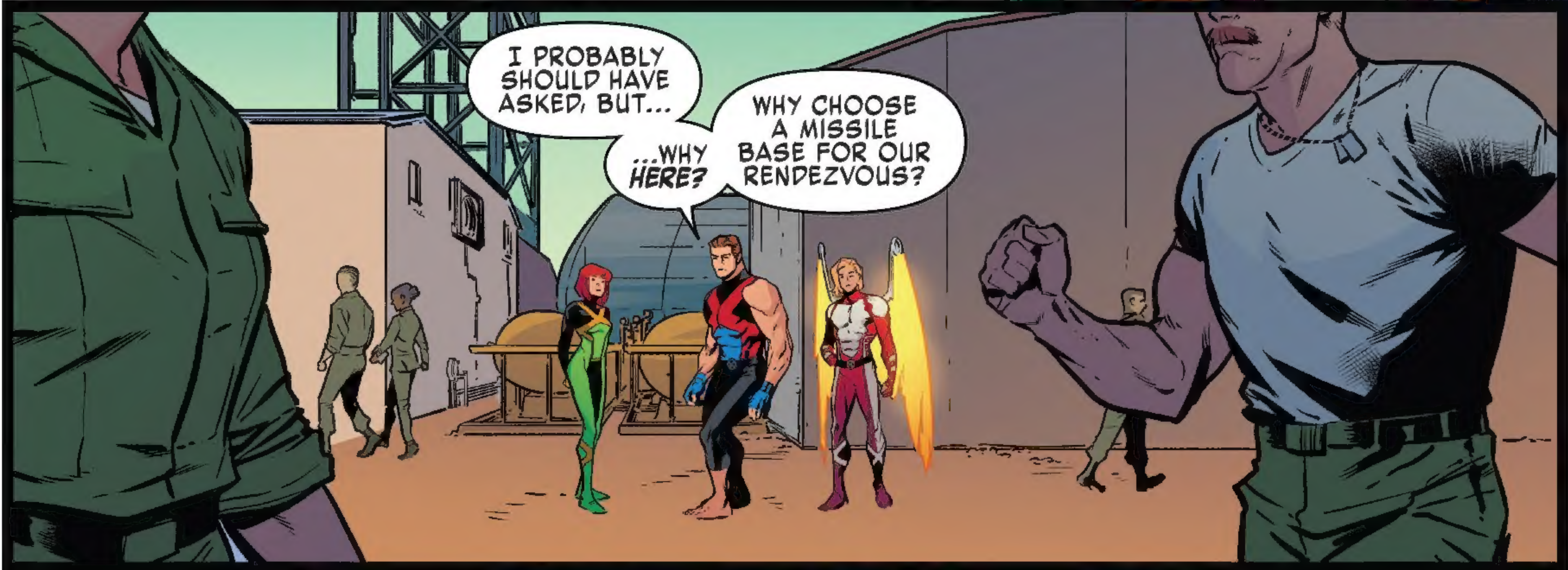
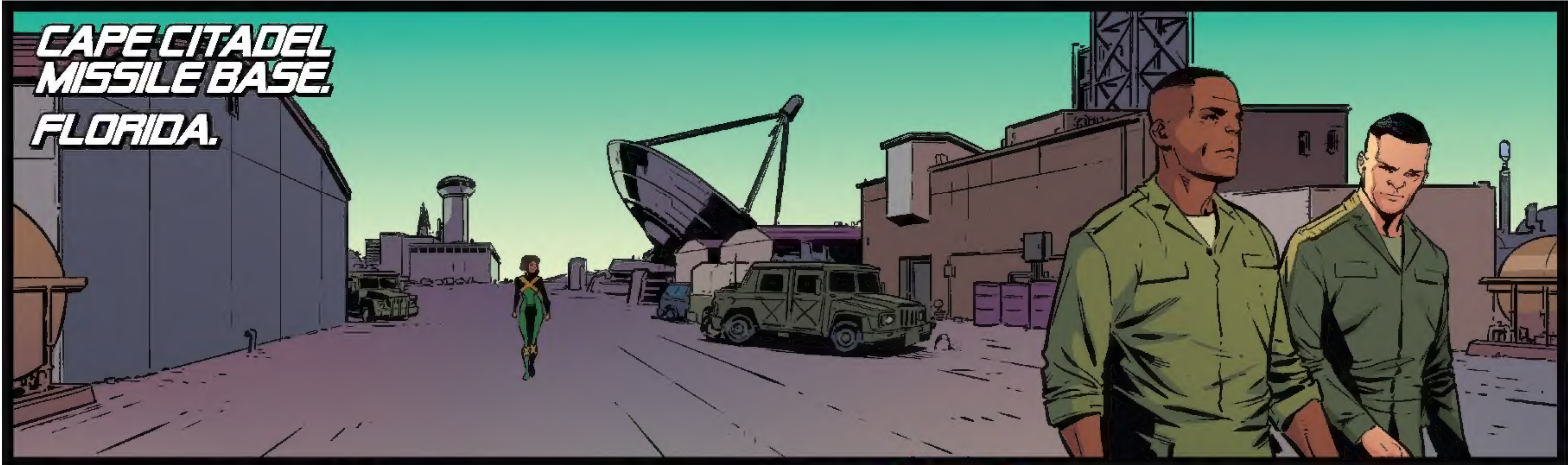
ANGEL
WARREN WORTHINGTON III



BEAST
HANK MCCOY



ICEMAN
BOBBY DRAKE



I'D SAY IT'S OBVIOUS.

CAPE CITADEL'S WHERE WE FIRST CAME TOGETHER AS A TEAM.*

SHE WANTED TO SEE IT... WANTED ALL OF US TO SEE IT... ONE LAST TIME.

NO WONDER THE X-MEN ARE CONSUMED BY THOUGHTS OF CONFLICT.

*X-MEN (1963) #1 --DS!

IT'S NOT LIKE WE AREN'T GOING TO SEE IT AGAIN.

IT WASN'T ALL THAT LONG AGO THAT WE WERE FIGHTING MAGNETO IN THIS VERY SPOT.

I WON'T SEE IT LIKE *THIS* AGAIN...NOT FOR A LONG TIME.

SO MUCH HAS CHANGED.

WE LITERALLY BLINKED AND THE WORLD ADVANCED IN CRAZY WAYS.

THIS BASE... IT'S *NOTHING* LIKE IT ONCE WAS.

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE BASE OR ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE X-MEN?

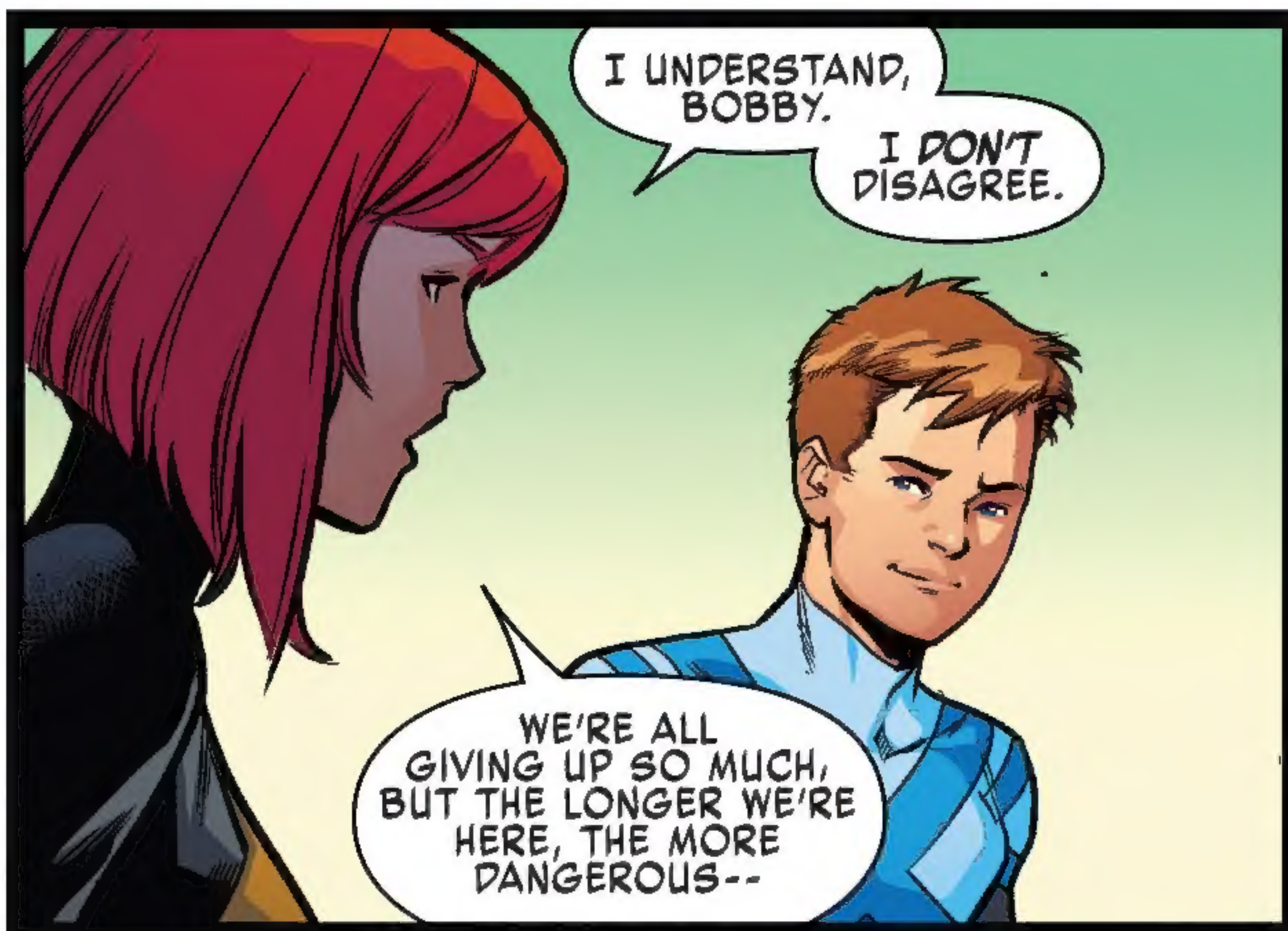
BETTER LATE THAN NEVER, BOBBY.



IF I'M BEING HONEST, I ALMOST DITCHED YOU GUYS.

I'M NOT SURE I LIKE THIS PLAN.

I KIND OF HATE IT, IN FACT.



I UNDERSTAND, BOBBY.

I DON'T DISAGREE.

WE'RE ALL GIVING UP SO MUCH, BUT THE LONGER WE'RE HERE, THE MORE DANGEROUS--



DON'T SWEAT IT, JEANNIE.

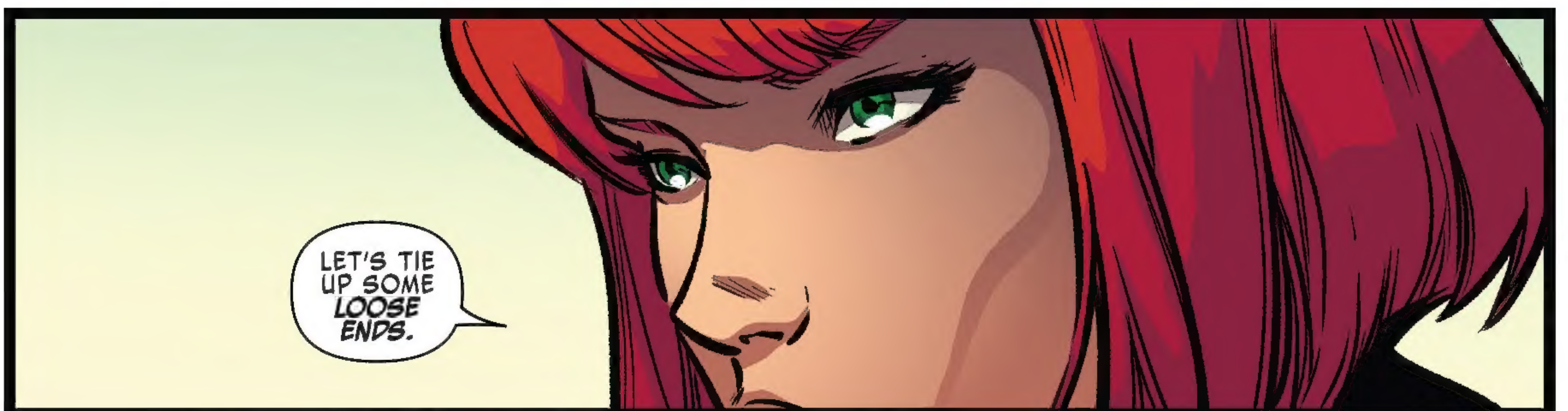
I DON'T NEED TO LIKE IT.

BESIDES, WHAT WOULD YOU GUYS DO WITHOUT ME?



WE'RE WITH YOU, JEAN.

ALL RIGHT THEN.



LET'S TIE UP SOME LOOSE ENDS.

MOJO TV.
NEW YORK
CITY.



NO! NO!
NO!
YOU
CAN'T DO
THIS!

I'M JUST
GIVING THE
PEOPLE WHAT
THEY WANT!

THEY
WANT TO BE
ENTERTAINED!

I'M NEVER
GONNA GROW
UP TO BE LIKE
YOU!

WHAT
DO WE DO
HERE?

IS IT
OKAY TO
SMASH BABY
X-MEN?

ARE YOU NOT
ENTERTAINED?!

THE STARJAMMER.
DEEP SPACE.

SO, I
GUESS WHAT I'M
SAYING...

...IS
GOODBYE.

WE HAVE A
FEW MORE THINGS
TO WRAP UP HERE
ON EARTH...

...AND
THEN...

...WELL, I
GUESS WE'RE
GONE.

YOU'RE
NOT GONE,
SON.

NOT BY
A LONG
SIGHT.

DAD--

I KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
GOING TO SAY,
SCOTT.

I KNOW,
AND I STAND
BY MY
WORDS.

NOT BY
A LONG
SIGHT.





THAT'S ONE
BAND OF MGH-
PEDDLING NINJAS
WHO WON'T BE
CAUSING ANYONE
TROUBLE FOR
A WHILE.

LET'S BAG
THEM UP AND
GET THEM TO THE
AUTHORITIES.

I'M
AFRAID NOT,
ANGEL.

THE
"AUTHORITIES"
YOU SPEAK OF
ARE CORRUPT.

OUR ENEMIES
WILL BE AT
WORK ONCE
AGAIN BEFORE
WE KNOW IT.

THIS IS WHY
MADRIPOOR
NEEDS THE
RAKSHA.

THIS IS WHY
THE RAKSHA
MUST REMAIN
RUTHLESS.



YOU'RE
NOT TALKING
ABOUT KILLING
CRIMINALS,
ARE YOU?

I
THOUGHT WE
DISCUSSED
THAT.

IT'S NOT
COOL.



NO OFFENSE,
MARVEL GIRL, BUT
I'M NOT SURE YOU
GET A SAY IN THE
MATTER.

YOU WILL
NOT BE HERE
TO ASSIST
US IN OUR
FIGHT.



WHETHER
WE'RE HERE
OR NOT,
X-MEN DON'T
KILL.



THE
RAKSHA
ARE NOT
X-MEN.

YEAH...



...ABOUT THAT...

I THINK YOU GUYS REMEMBER DANGER AND POLARIS.



WE'VE REBUILT THE MANSION HERE IN MADRIPOOR.

WE'VE GOT ALL THE AMENITIES.

AND I'VE GOT SOME APOLOGIES TO MAKE TO THE RAKSHA.

THE ONLY THING THAT IS MISSING IS STUDENTS.



STUDENTS?

WE HAVE TRAINED ON THE STREETS OF MADRIPOOR.

THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN TEACH US.



OOOOOH... DANGER LOVES A CHALLENGE.



WE'LL SEE.



HEY--
I LOST
TRACK OF
THEM IN THE
FIGHT.

DOES
ANYONE KNOW
WHERE **BEAST**
AND **GAZING**
NIGHTSHADE
WENT?

C'MON,
JEANNIE.



"WHAT KIND
OF PSYCHIC
DOESN'T KNOW
WHERE THEY
WENT?"



I WILL
MISS YOU,
HENRY.

YEAH.
I KNOW.
ME TOO.



I WILL *MISS*
YOU, BUT I AM
GLAD YOU ARE
LEAVING.

WHAT?
WHAT KIND
OF THING
IS THAT TO
SAY?



DO NOT
MISTAKE MY
MEANING.

YOU
ARE DEAR
TO ME.

BUT I
SEE THE
DARKNESS
WITHIN
YOU.

I SEE
THE DANGER
PRESENTED BY
YOUR PRESENCE
IN THIS
TIME.



I HAVE
STUDIED THE
BEAST OF
THIS TIME.

HE IS A
MAN WHO
HAS MADE
MISTAKES.

BUT HE
IS A *GOOD*
MAN.

YOU MUST
GO HOME...TO
BECOME THE MAN
THE X-MEN NEED
YOU TO BE.

THE XAVIER INSTITUTE.
CENTRAL PARK,
NEW YORK.

WOW.
GOOD THING
THE X-MANSION'S
GOT PLENTY
OF ROOM.

I KNOW,
KITTY...BUT
THESE MUTANTS...
THE MOTHERVINE
MUTANTS...HAVE JUST
BEEN THROWN INTO
A STRANGE,
NEW WORLD.

THE X-MEN
ARE HERE
TO PROTECT
THEM.

THIS
FEELS...RIGHT...
BEFORE WE
VANISH ONCE
AND FOR
ALL.



WELCOME
TO THE
X-MEN.

WE'RE
GONNA MAKE
DAMN SURE YOU
SURVIVE THE
EXPERIENCE.

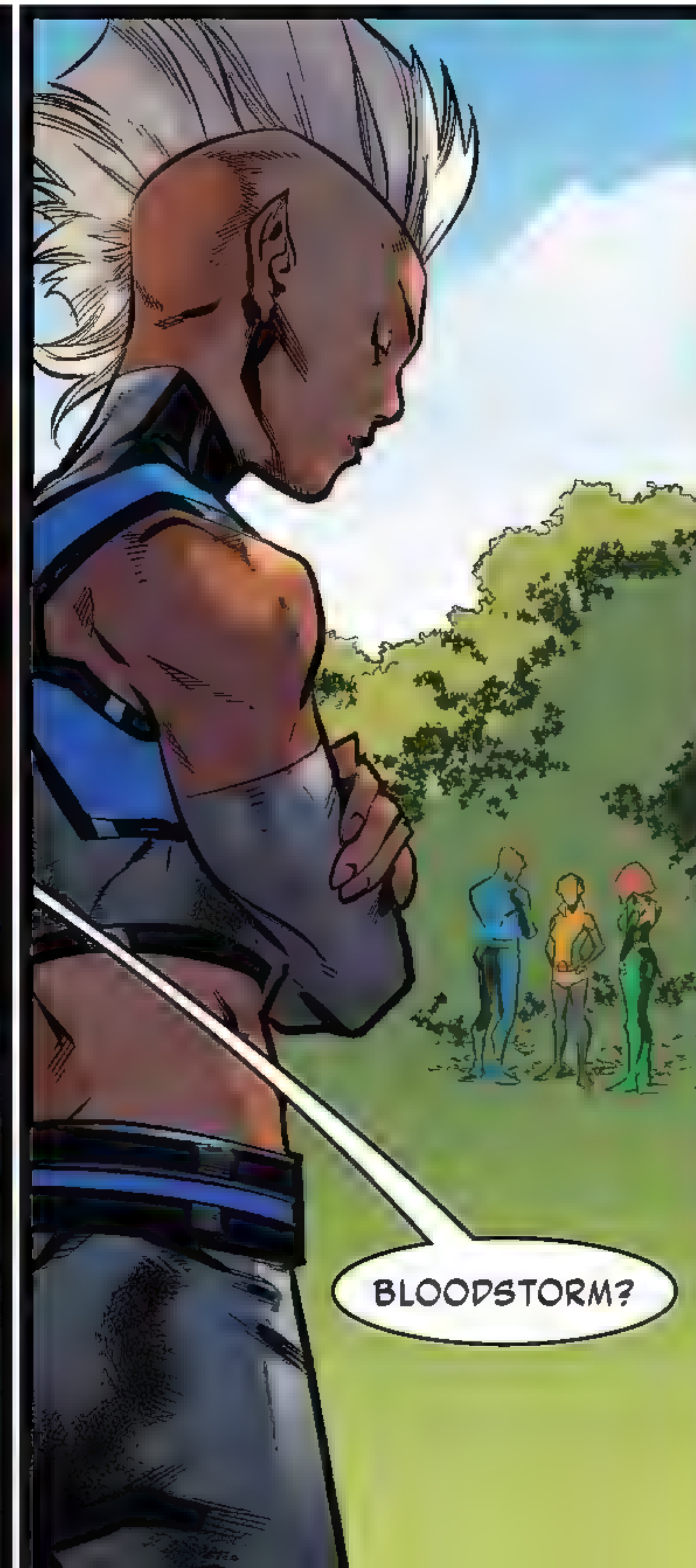


I'LL SAY
THIS...JUST ONCE...
AND THEN I'LL GO
BACK TO MINDING
MY BEESWAX.

IT'S NICE
TO SEE THE
TWO OF YOU
TOGETHER
LIKE THIS.



OH...
...WE'RE
NOT...
...WE
AREN'T...



BLOODSTORM?

I HOPE YOU
DON'T MIND ME
POKING MY NOSE WHERE
IT DOESN'T BELONG.
BUT I THINK I KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE GOING
THROUGH.

I'M NOT
"GOING THROUGH"
ANYTHING,
HENRY.

OKAY...I'VE
JUST LEARNED A
PAINFUL LESSON
IN MY TIME
HERE.

AND THAT'S...



"...NO ONE'S EVER
GOING TO GET BETWEEN
THOSE TWO FOR LONG."

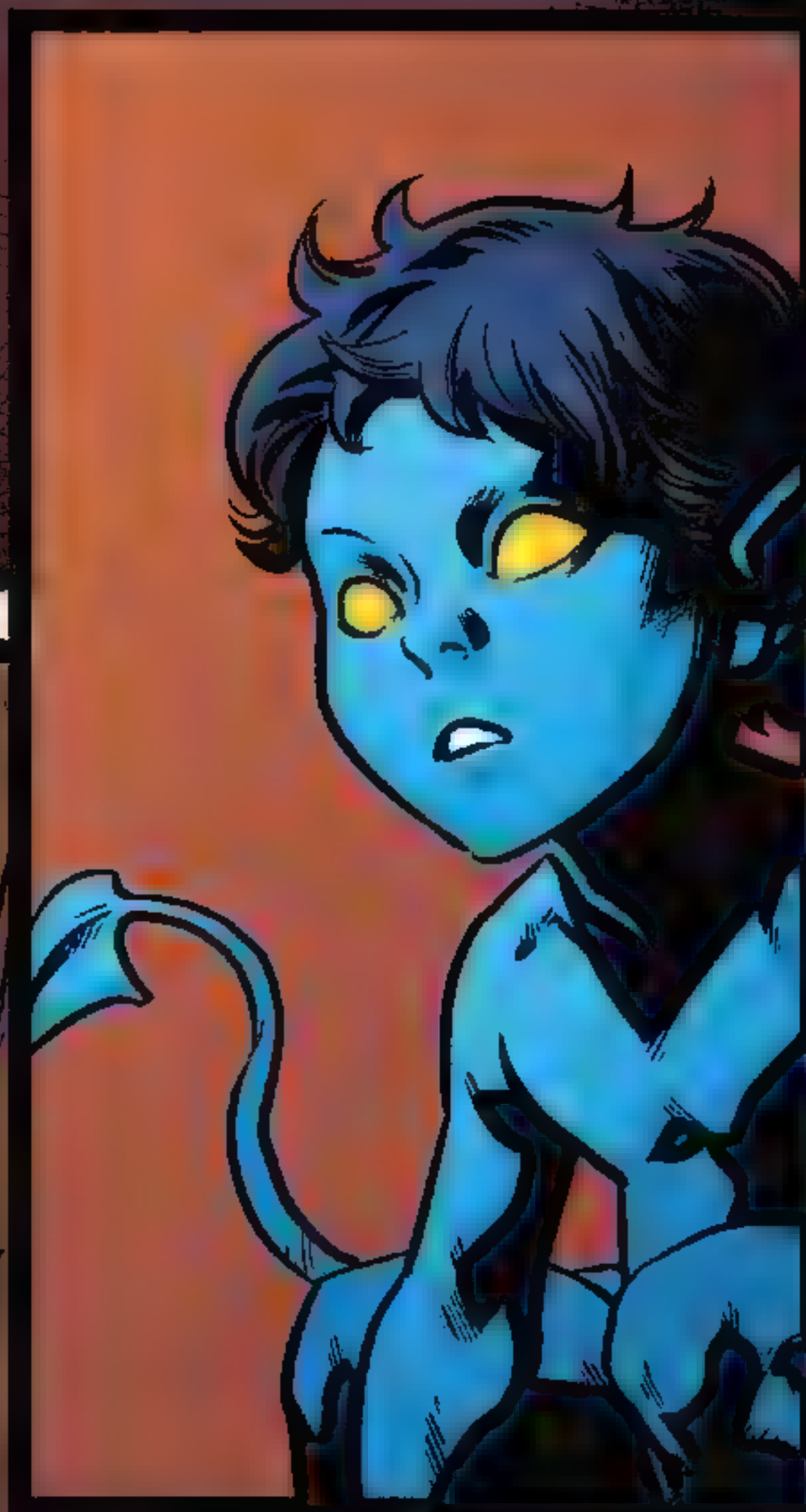
THANKS,
PICKLES.

FOR
EVERYTHING.

I GUESS
WE COULDN'T
HAVE DONE IT
WITHOUT
YOU.

AT LEAST,
IT WOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN AS
MUCH FUN.

WE HAVE
TO GO,
THOUGH.



BAMF

WHU--

TH-THAT'S
NOT WHAT I
MEANT.

I MEAN
THE X-MEN HAVE TO
GO HOME AND YOU
SHOULD GO...I GUESS
WHEREVER **BAMFS** GO.

WE'VE GOT A
LITTLE UNFINISHED
BUSINESS TO TAKE
CARE OF AND
WE'RE--

BAMF

PICKLES!

WHAT'S
THE BIG--



OH--
UNFINISHED
BUSINESS.

BAMF



HEY.



IT'S WEIRD.
IT FEELS LIKE I SHOULD
HAVE KNOWN
YOU WERE
THERE.
OUR PSYCHIC
RAPPORT--

I KNOW.
IT'S BEEN
SEVERED EVER
SINCE THAT
ORDEAL WITH
THE POISONS,
BUT--



--SOMETIMES
IT FEELS LIKE
IT'S *STILL*
THERE.



WHAT
DO YOU
THINK THAT
MEANS?

SCOTT--
--WHEN IT
COMES TO ME
AND YOU--

--THINKING
TOO MUCH GETS
US NOWHERE.



THERE!

THERE
THEY
ARE!

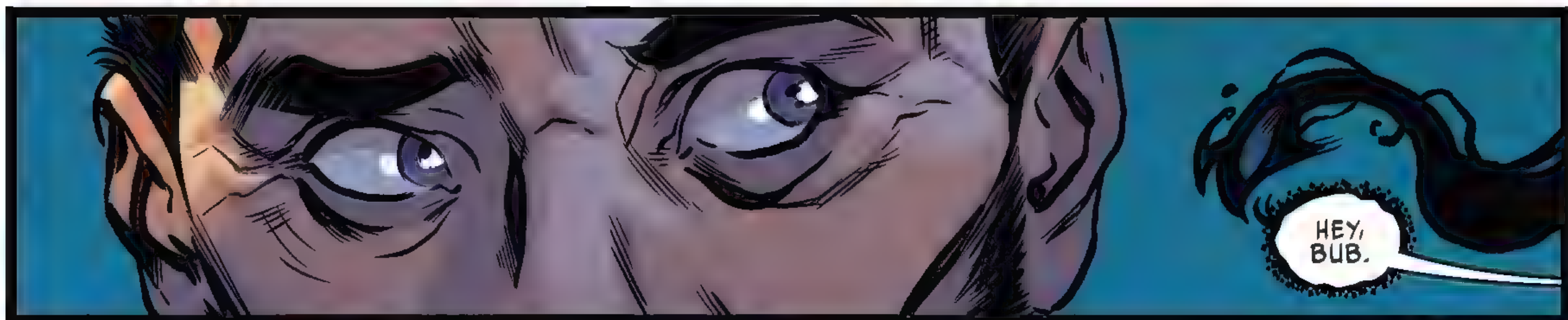
CYCLOPS
AND MARVEL
GIRL...AND
THEY'RE SEPARATED
FROM THE
PACK!



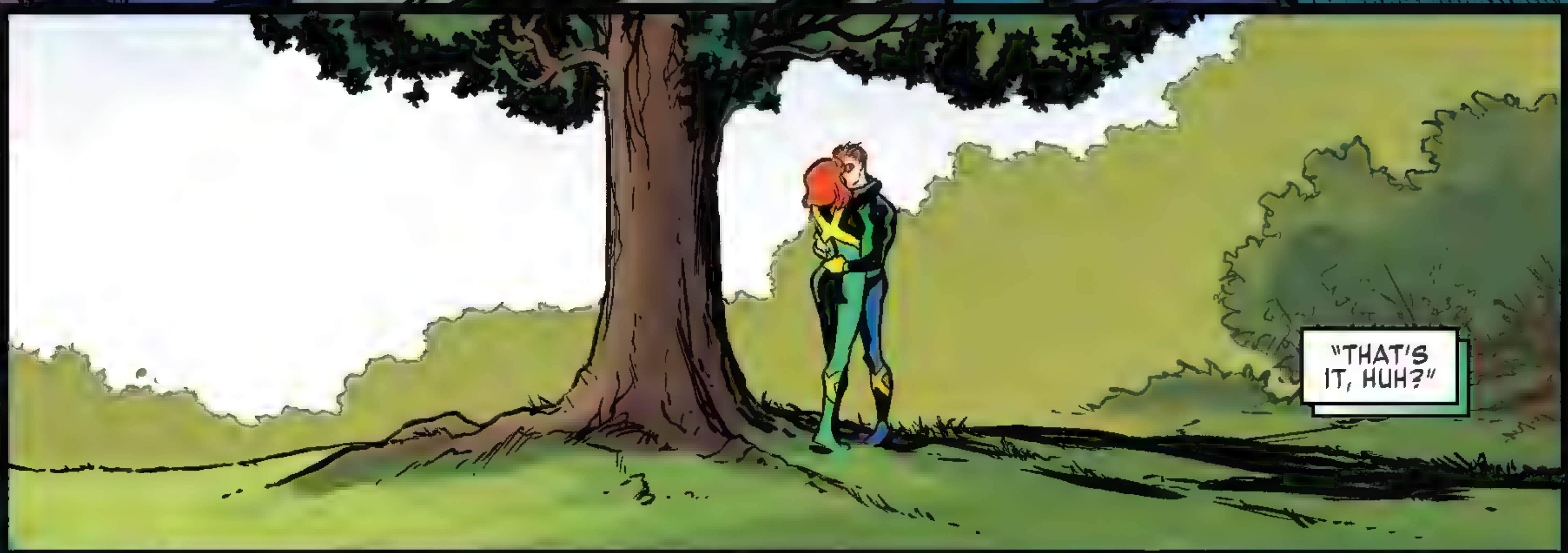
NOW...WHILE
THEY ARE
DISTRACTED...
I'LL **STRIKE**.

THROUGH
THEIR SUFFERING,
MAGNETO WILL
LEARN HE SHOULD
NEVER HAVE CROSSED
**SEBASTIAN
SHAW!**

THROUGH
THEM, I WILL
LURE--



HEY,
BUB.





THAT'S THE
TIME MACHINE
THAT'LL SEND
US HOME?

THIS ERA'S
BEAST HAS BEEN
MODIFYING IT BASED
ON HIS ORIGINAL
DESIGNS.

HE WANTS
TO MAKE SURE
THERE ARE NO
COMPLICATIONS
ONCE IT'S
ACTIVATED.



THAT'S
CUTE.

IT'S
COMFORTING
KNOWING THAT
YOU NEVER
LEARN, HANK.

THERE ARE
ALWAYS
COMPLICATIONS.



SPEAKING OF
COMPLICATIONS.

WHAT
ABOUT MY
WINGS?

WHAT ABOUT
ALL THE NEW
MEMORIES AND
SKILLS WE'VE
PICKED UP?

WE CAN'T
JUST GO BACK
IN TIME...NOT
LIKE WE ARE NOW.



YEAH.

WE'RE
SURROUNDED
BY PSYCHICS,
SCIENTISTS AND
MYSTICS.

WE'LL
GET IT
FIGURED
OUT.



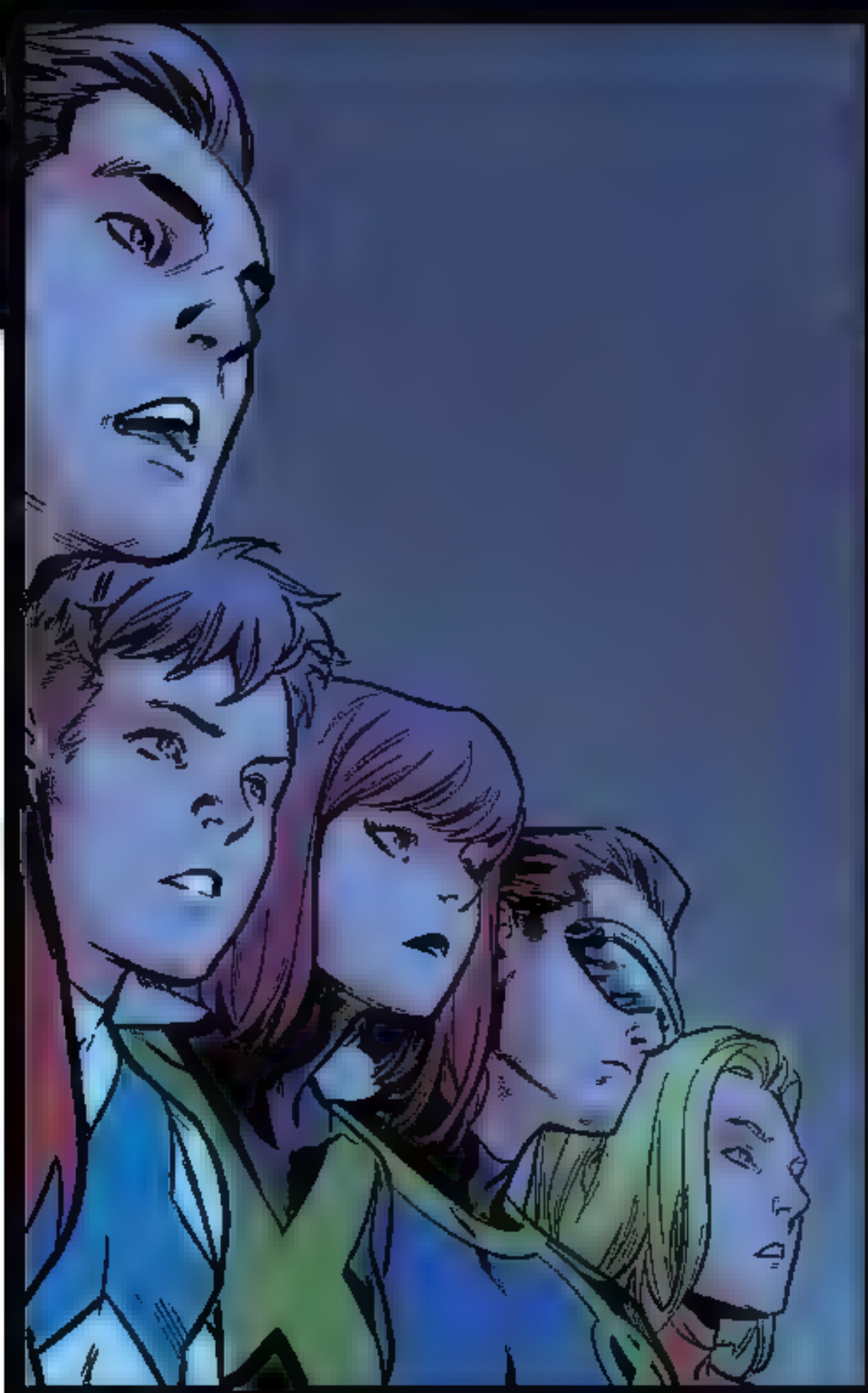
BREAKING
NEWS OUT OF
WASHINGTON,
D.C....

...AN ANTI-MUTANT DEMONSTRATION IN THE CAPITAL HAS BEEN ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF MUTANTS.

THESE MUTANTS APPEAR TO BE LED BY KNOWN TERRORIST AND MUTANT SUPREMACIST, MAGNETO.

SOME ARE ALREADY NAMING THIS THE RETURN OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS.

BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS ATTACK RALLY IN WASHINGTON



HE'S NOT OUR RESPONSIBILITY, RIGHT?

I MEAN... THERE ARE OTHERS...

THE X-MEN CAN HANDLE THIS.



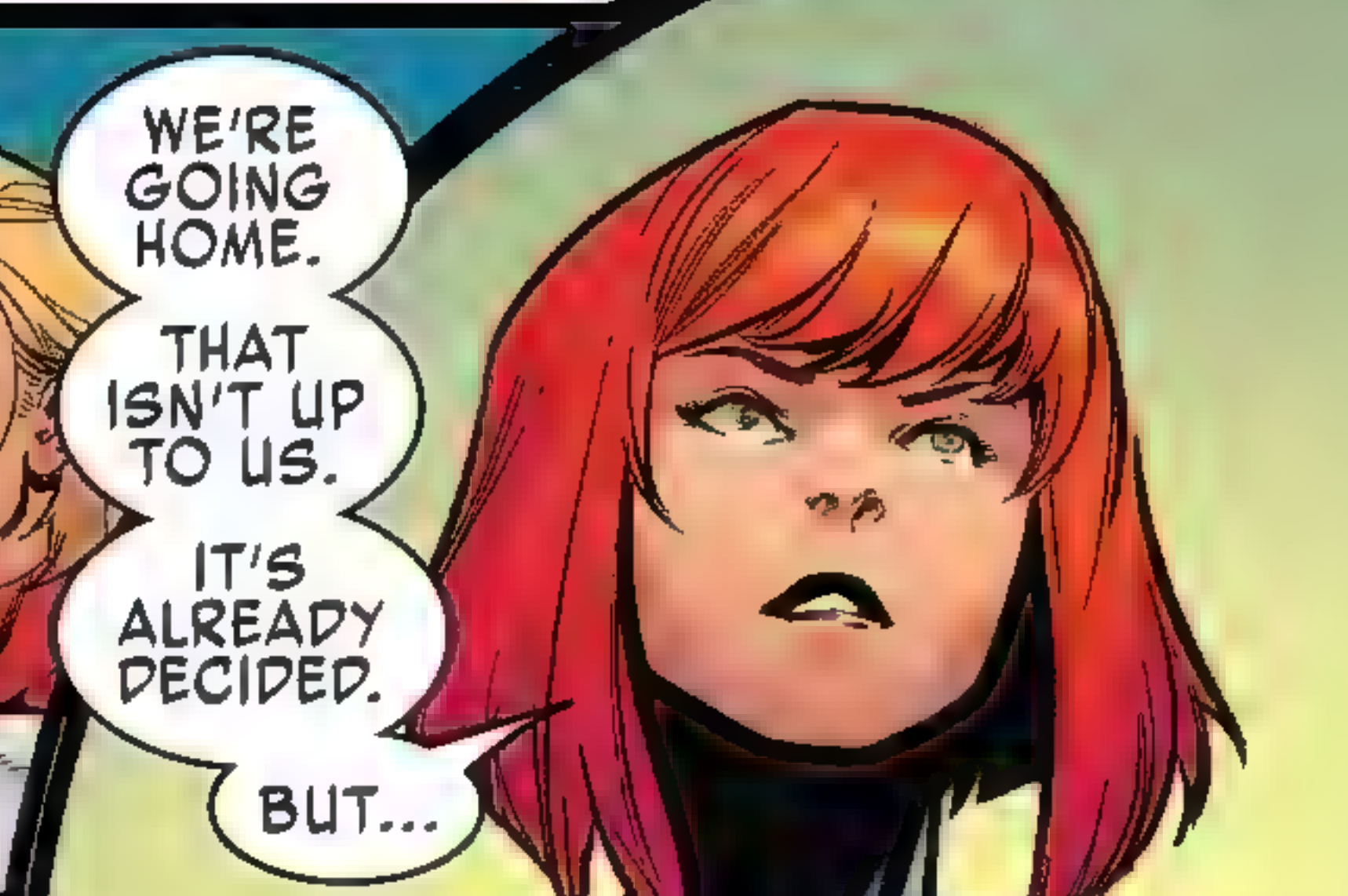
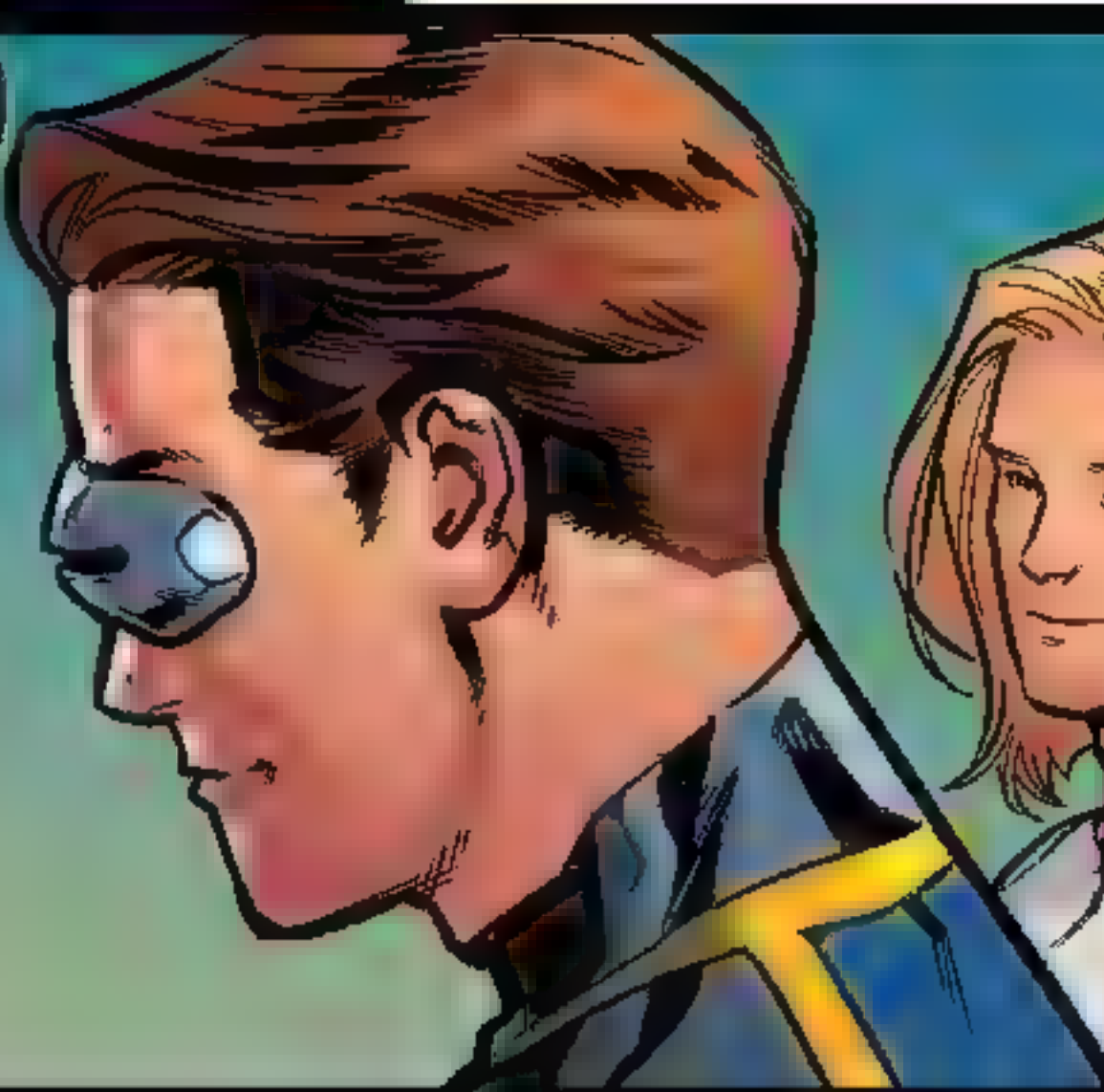
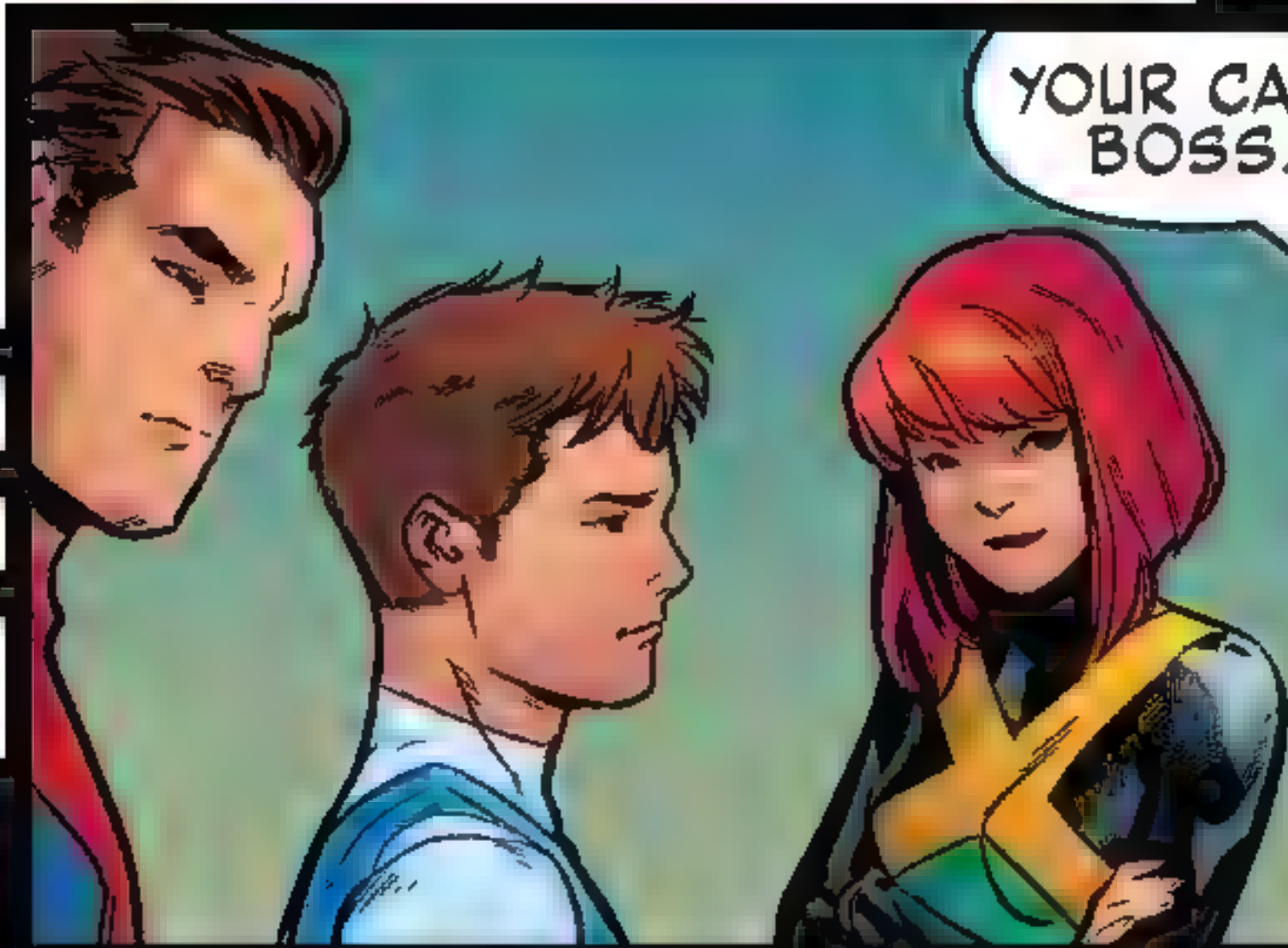
YOUR CALL, BOSS.

WE'RE GOING HOME.

THAT ISN'T UP TO US.

IT'S ALREADY DECIDED.

BUT...





MAYBE
WE'LL HANG
OUT FOR *JUST*
A LITTLE
LONGER.

THE END!



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Many of you know how much the X-Men meant to me. I've recounted elsewhere how my father and I bonded over collecting X-MEN. Together, we built a complete run of the series. I sold those books and paid for two years of college with the proceeds. I'm in the process of collecting them again, and I'm missing 15 issues as of this writing. It is with great sadness that I say my dad didn't live long enough to see me get the chance to write the adventures of the X-Men. But I know he would have been thrilled that I had the honor to do so.

An honor, folks, make no mistake.

Twenty-one issues of MAGNETO, twenty issues of UNCANNY X-MEN (if you count the annual), and thirty-seven issues of X-MEN BLUE (again, counting the annual), along with some X-tie-in one-shots and mini-series. That's not too shabby. X-MEN BLUE, by the way, was originally planned to last eighteen issues, so I'll take that as a big win.

A bittersweet win, mind you, because I hate saying goodbye.

I love these characters, and I've loved chronicling their adventures. My favorite moments from this particular series? That's a tough one. I loved the Cross-Time adventure with Generation X and X-Men 2099. But it's a tie between that and these last six or so issues. It's too close to call for me. (My real favorite moment, though, was accidentally leaving my editor Darren Shan a voicemail where I was belting out the chorus to City High's "What Would You Do?"! We've never talked about it, but we both know it happened.)

Writing this series was a dream come true. It was a wonderful ride. For that, I want to thank you, the X-Fans, for reading these books. It has meant a lot to me.

And—who knows?—X-Men have a tendency to come back from the dead, so maybe I'll find my way back to the merry mutants someday soon.

—Cullen Bunn
Writing from War Room X

X *NEXT MONTH...* **MEN** **BLACK**

MAGNETO



MOJO



MYSTIQUE



JUGGERNAUT



EMMA FROST



